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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. David Aaron

1. David Aaron met with John McMahon and myself for slightly less than an hour on 1 December. The purpose of his meeting was to follow up on some of the ideas I discussed during my portion of the briefing at Plains. The visit was most pleasant and was viewed by John and myself as being quite positive in tone.
2. He requested info on decisions which have been made to date by the CFI and solutions coming out of past CFI deliberations. I responded by stating that I would provide the transition team with a paper listing the issues already decided by the CFI.
3. A second area which Aaron focussed in on was the IC Staff. Specifically, he is interested in strengths and weaknesses of the Staff; how it is organized; what sort of personnel makeup is assigned to the Staff; ways in which the IC Staff can be strengthened; and what has been done to implement the Executive Order. He is very interested in exploring any problem areas/obstacles which confront the Staff.
4. He briefly questioned us as to how we support the PFIAB. In reply, we stated that, on behalf of the DCI, we provided responses to the PFIAB to questions posed by them; and, when the DCI deemed it proper, he recommended subjects to be addressed by the PFIAB.
5. He then asked that we provide him with an assessment of the effectiveness of E.O. 11905.
6. Aaron briefly scanned the four volumes of material we had assembled for the transition team. These are: 1) Intelligence Community Organizations and Functions; 2) National Intelligence Planning Process; 3) Programming the Budget; and 4) Collection and Product Evaluation.
7. He stated it would be helpful if we made an assessment of the KIQ process. I responded by stating that one of the items in Volume 4 (Collection and Product Evaluation) deals specifically with the Community evaluation of the Key Intelligence Questions for 1975. This volume was just published and distributed.

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8. Before departing, he requested that he be provided several items from the above four volumes. They are: 1) the table of contents for each volume: 2) a briefing prepared by the IC Staff on the operations of the Intelligence Community under E.O. 11905; and 3) the Future Direction of the Intelligence Community.

9. The meeting ended as it began, on a cordial note.



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